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**Eighth Sunday in Pentecost**  
**July 26, 2020**

**Christ the Rock's Mission:**  
**To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen**  
**to all people of the Four Corners.**

WELCOME BACK TO CHRIST THE ROCK!  
We are glad you are here in God's house today.

- Out of consideration for others and to comply with state guidelines, please wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, please take one from the box on the table in the entry.
- For the time being Quiet Activity Bags will not be available
- Restrooms are located through the double doors and to the left.

**SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics**

Sometimes it helps to go back to the basics. Clear our brains and focus on the essentials. In this series we switch from an emphasis on the life and actions of Jesus to the teachings of Jesus for the life of the church. In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

**SERVICE THEME: God's Word brings God's results**

How do you get people to join your church? There are lots of suggestions. Most people suggest something special for every age group. It seems that you need to provide people with all kinds of programs. You also need to tell people what they want to hear. You may get people to join your church that way, but chances are they won't ever become a part of the Holy Christian Church. You only become a member of God's kingdom one way: through the preaching of the gospel. But even the success of our gospel preaching doesn't depend on us. Instead it depends entirely upon God's power and blessing.



# MORNING PRAISE

## *Matins*

*This service has been in use among Christian communities as a way to usher in a new day with God's blessing, recalling the biblical mandate to "watch and pray."*



***Please stand***

*Spoken responsively*

Minister: O Lord, open my lips.

**Congregation: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.**

# COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Psalm 95*

## *Refrain:*



Come, oh, come let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

## *Verses:*



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all  
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,  
you made the seas and the dry land.(refrain)  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.(refrain)

*Please be seated*

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 65**

1. Every heart its tribute pays,  
every tongue its song of praise;  
sin and sorrow, guilt and care,  
brought to him who answers prayer;  
there by grace may humankind  
full and free forgiveness find;  
called and chosen, loved and blest,  
in his presence be at rest.
  
2. Ever while his deeds endure  
our salvation stand secure;  
he whose fingers spun the earth  
gave the seas and mountains birth,  
tamed the ocean, formed the land,  
spread the skies with mighty hand:  
far off shores revere his Name,  
day and night his power proclaim.
  
3. Year by year, the seasons 'round  
sees the land with blessing crowned,  
where caressed by sun and rain  
barren earth gives life again;  
sunlit valleys burn with gold,  
nature smiles on field and fold,  
gifts of God in plenty poured;  
all things living, praise the Lord!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*God's Word brings God's results*

- 10** As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and  
flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the  
sower and bread for the  
eater
- 11** so is my word that goes out  
from my mouth:  
It will not return to me  
empty,  
but will accomplish what I  
desire  
and achieve the purpose for  
which I sent it.
- 12** You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before  
you,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.
- 13** Instead of the thornbush will  
grow the pine tree,  
and instead of briars the  
myrtle will grow.  
This will be for the LORD's  
renown,  
for an everlasting sign,  
which will not be  
destroyed."

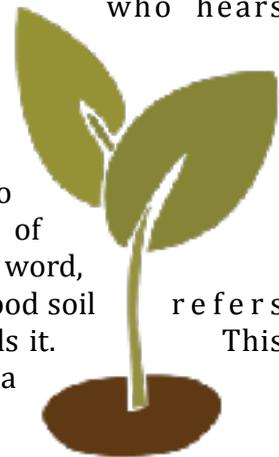
## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

*God's Word is powerful. Yet it can be frustrating to us in its results.  
So Jesus teaches us just to spread his Word and let him take care of results.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear."

**18** "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



## RESPONSE:

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN

“Good News of God Above”  
*Christian Worship #568*



1 Good news of God a - bove Is ours to  
 2 The love of Christ pro - claim Who left his  
 3 The Lord of Glo - ry lives! From cross and  
 4 Hear now the Mas - ter's word To those who



tell a - broad, The Fa - ther's ev - er -  
 home on high; To live our hu - man  
 death and grave His own a - bun - dant  
 bear his name: "So send I you; till



last - ing love In Christ the ris - en Lord.  
 life he came, Our hu - man death to die.  
 life he gives To those he died to save.  
 all have heard, Make known, de - clare, pro - claim!"



For neigh - bors near and far The seed of  
 The Fa - ther's on - ly Son Be - came the  
 His right - eous - ness and peace De - clare from  
 Go forth in all the earth; Em - brace the



life is sown; Then spread the seed By  
 sin - ners' friend, Our lot to share, Our  
 sea to sea; His prais - es sound The  
 path he trod With Christ be - side As



word and deed To make the Sav - ior known.  
 sin to bear, And death's do - min - ion end.  
 world a - round For Christ has made us free.  
 friend and guide To bring good news of God.

## SERMON

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*Please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum*

## *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We  
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*

## OFFERING

*Please visit [ChristTheRockLutheran.com](http://ChristTheRockLutheran.com) and click on "Online Giving" to give an offering.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

*(Psalm 27:7)*

*Spoken*

**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;  
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Let us praise the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

Spoken

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### "On What Has Now Been Sown"

Christian Worship #322



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our  
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it  
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don  
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow, O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!  
ce've And to your Word a bless - ing give,  
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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## **God’s People Respond to God’s Grace**

Worship Attendance for July 19: 33

Sunday School: 4

Bible Study: 8

Offering for July 12: \$806

Offering for July 19: \$1,074.93

## **Cleaning Team for July:**

Tully Hayes (Team Leader); M Donohue; P James; Hayes; Jones/Stawinski; Cheromiah

## **Cleaning Team for August:**

Jones Hewey (Team Leader); Jensen; Bakken; Fraley; Enderle; Hewey; Bintz

**Ushers for July:** Don Linskens (8:00am); Sankey Johnson (10:30am)

## **Divine Call Received**

On July 19th Pastor Jeff Enderle received a call to serve as pastor at St John's Lutheran Church in St Clair, Minnesota. We will be sure to share more details as they become available. Please keep Pastor and his family in your prayers.

## **Sunday Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians**

1 Thessalonians was one of the first letters the Apostle Paul wrote to a group of Christians. In many way the Thessalonian congregation was a model group of Christians. He compliments on the way they lived out their hope in Christ. He defends his ministry. He instructs them about the return of the Lord. He encourages them in holy living. Throughout the entire letter, he instructs them to “Stand Firm in the Lord.” Join us each Sunday at 9:15am in person in the Fellowship Hall or online with Zoom for this study of 1 Thessalonians.

### **Mission Board Visit**

Pastor Matt Frey, our district mission board chairman, came to Christ the Rock last Wednesday to explain the next steps for our congregation. After Pastor Enderle takes a call, we will embark on a restart for our congregation. Our District Mission Board will work with us to do the research into the mission field in our community so we can submit a request for additional funding. Look for more details in the coming months.

### **Worship In-Person and Online**

Thank you for your flexibility during these challenging times. We are once again offering a video service recorded in advance so it can be viewed on Sunday morning on YouTube. We will be offering one in-person service each Sunday at 10:30am. Please note the following worship schedule for the next few weeks:

- July 26 — Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:15am; Worship in person at 10:30am; Video of Worship available by Sunday morning
- August 2 - Worship online only, No Bible Study
- August 9 - Worship only only, No Bible Study
- August 16 - Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:15am; Worship with Lord's Supper in person at 10:30am; Video of Worship available by Sunday morning

### **Worship in Person Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to sanitize the sanctuary after each service. If you can help, please speak with Jones Hewey. We are looking for ushers to assist with the flow of the service. If you can help, please speak with Sankey Johnson. If you can help with the computer for worship, please speak with Lisa Johnson.

### **Ministry Teams**

Our congregation grows stronger as our members use their gifts from God in service to one another and our community. You are encouraged to attend one or more of the following initial meetings for these ministry teams : Outreach – Jesse Hanson; Fellowship – Sankey Johnson

### **Supporting students on the path to ministry**

You can help support students along their path to serving in the ministry. Tuition and education expenses can be a big hurdle. The WELS Endowment for Student Financial Assistance provides tuition help to students at all four ministerial education schools: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Visit [wels.net/foundation](http://wels.net/foundation) to learn how you can contribute to the education of our future WELS pastor and teachers.

## In our prayers this week:

- **Mary Yazzie, sister of Jones Hewey**, in the ICU with pneumonia after complications due to COVID-19
- **Delfin Ulibarri**, returned home recently from hospitalization
- **Willie Mitchell**, returning home from Albuquerque to receive care in his own house
- **April Culler** and others working in retail, for relief from emotional and physical strain during the pandemic
- **Lysandra Ulibarri**, recovering from COVID-19
- **Bea Peshlakai**, returned home after a trip to the ER for difficulties breathing and chest pains
- **Julie Hayes**, daughter of Tully Hayes, out of quarantine and doing better after testing positive for COVID-19
- **Julia Hayes**, daughter of Tully Hayes, thanksgiving for her negative test results for COVID-19
- Family of **Anna Joe**, sister of Cecelia Hanova, died of a heart attack last week
- **Members of Christ the Rock** as we transition our ministry in the coming months
- **Friends and Family on the Navajo Nation**, especially those vulnerable and most susceptible to COVID-19
- **Diane**, friend of Marianne Jensen, recovering from COVID-19
- The **Family of Arthur Yazzie**, Arthur died recently from COVID-19, his widow, Genevieve Yazzie is the sister of Ben Henry
- **Family of Herman Koester**, member of Shepherd Lutheran Church in ABQ and friend of the Jensen Family, he died the week before Easter
- **Dale Gerber**, father-in-law of Kurt and Ginger Van Auken's older daughter Kirsten, he is hospice and still fighting
- **Alexander Gonzales** and others whose work has been impacted by the Coronavirus
- **Aero**, thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy granddaughter to **John Blievernicht**
- Members with compromised health and serious health concerns
- Those on the front lines of administering health care and caring for the sick